IN THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Claims 1-28 (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus, comprising:

a demultiplexer that separates a multiplexed signal containing first encrypted data into at least the first encrypted data and program-specific information;

a tool list demultiplexor that separates a tool list having a tool identification indicating a decoding tool for decrypting the first encrypted data from the multiplexed signal;

a control graph demultiplexor that separates a control graph indicating an instantiated location of the decoding tool in the receiving apparatus from the multiplexed signal;

a rights information demultiplexor that demultiplexes rights information for the first encrypted data from the multiplexed signal, the rights information specifying at least one of rights for a permitted number of accesses and rights for editing in the receiving apparatus;

a first controller that acquires a tool according to a tool identification acquired from the tool list, and instantiating the tool according to the control graph; and

a first rights manager that processes the first encrypted data according to the

rights information[[.]];

a second rights manager that separates the rights information into first rights information and second rights information; and

a multiplexing adjustor that modifies the rights information in the multiplexed signal, and that outputs a revised multiplexed signal,

wherein the revised multiplexed signal is output to a second receiving apparatus in accordance with a request signal from the second receiving apparatus.

Claims 30-32 (Cancelled).

33. (Currently Amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29 32, further comprising:

a temporary storage that temporarily stores the first encrypted data; and

a file manager that deletes from the temporary storage the first encrypted data after a playback permit recorded in the rights information is expired.

34. (Currently Amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29,

wherein the rights manager sends status information denoting the a processing state of the first encrypted data.

Claim 35 (Cancelled).

36. (Previously Presented) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29, further

comprising:

a rights manager that separates the rights information into first rights information and second rights information;

wherein the second rights information and multiplexed signal are output to a second receiving apparatus according to a request signal from the second receiving apparatus.

37. (Previously Presented) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the rights manager receives data indicating how the first encrypted data was processed by a second receiving apparatus, and sends status information describing processing by the receiving apparatus and the second receiving apparatus.

38. (Previously Presented) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29, further comprising:

a converter that converts the first encrypted data to second encrypted data; and

a remultiplexer that remultiplexes the second encrypted data with second rights information.

39. (Previously Presented) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the first encrypted data is processed according to the first rights information.

40. (Currently Amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29, further

comprising:

a temporary storage that temporarily stores the first encrypted data; and

a file manager that deletes the first encrypted data from the temporary storage after sending it to a second receiving apparatus.

41. (Previously Presented) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29, further comprising:

a video decoder that extracts and decodes video data from the multiplexed signal.

42. (Previously Presented) The receiving apparatus according to claim 29, further comprising:

an audio decoder that extracts and decodes audio data from the multiplexed signal.

43. (New) The receiving apparatus according to claim 34,

wherein the processing state in the receiving apparatus comprises the permitted number of accesses, editing allowed information and editing prohibited information.

44. (New) The receiving apparatus according to claim 37,

wherein a processing state in the second receiving apparatus comprises the permitted number of accesses, editing allowed information and editing prohibited information.